

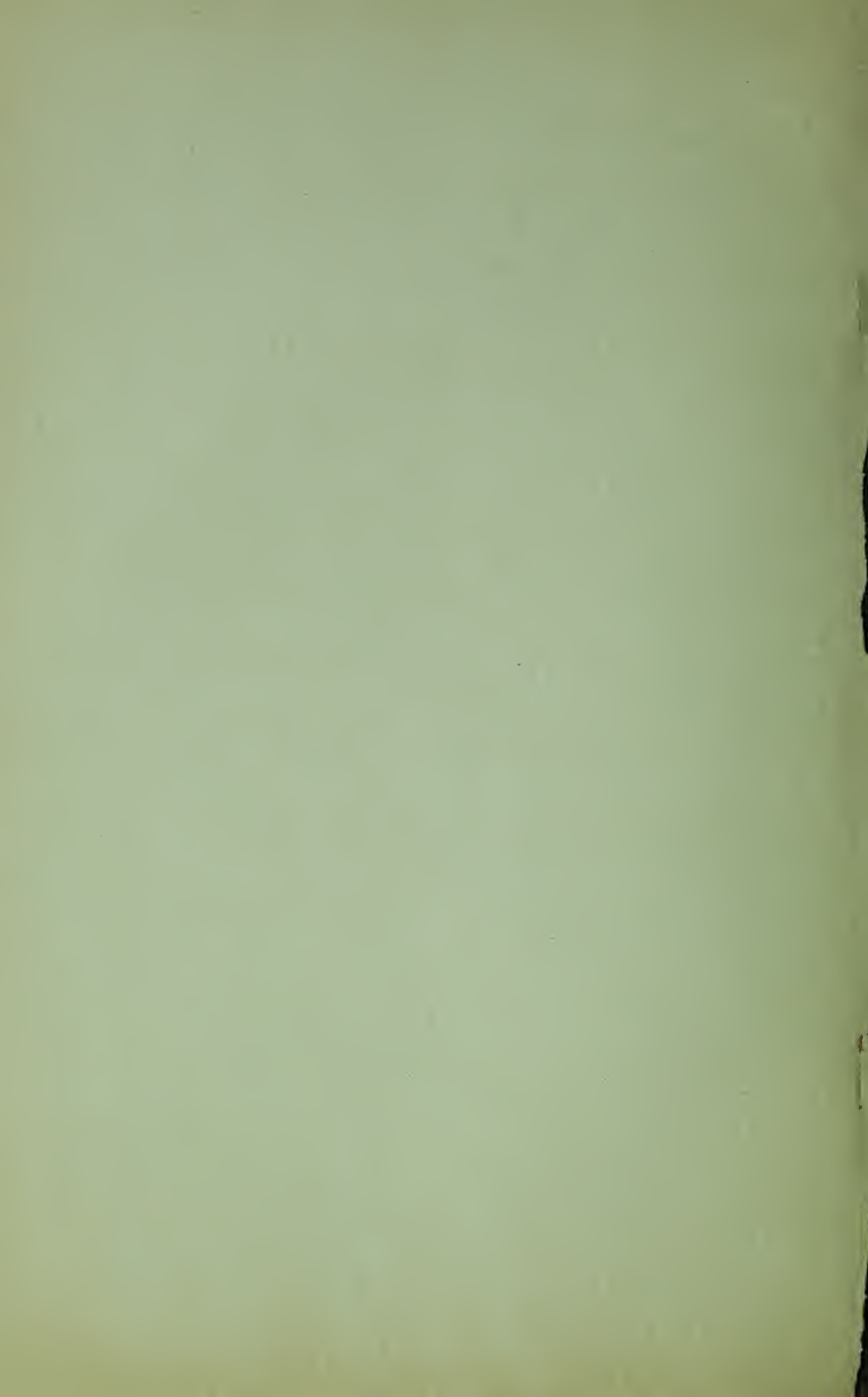
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(INCORPORATED 1793)

WITH THE
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List of Officers.

TOWN CLERK,
OTIS F. BROWN.

**SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS
OF POOR,**

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON, DANIEL D. STONE,
JONATHAN LAMSON.

TREASURER,
DANIEL E. SAFFORD.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, ARTHUR W. CHANDLER,
ALBERT L. WHIPPLE.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
OSCAR F. WHIPPLE.

CONSTABLES,
SYLVESTER DANE, GEORGE E. ROBERTS,
CHARLES E. WHIPPLE, GEORGE M. ADAMS.

AUDITOR,
ANDREW HARADEN.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1895,	\$3,012 83
“ from Apothecary license,	1 00
“ First District Court fees,	9 08
“ Loan in anticipation of taxes,	5,000 00
“ Interest for prepayment of County taxes,	7 17
“ from State of Massachusetts for corporation tax,	1,219 29
“ National Bank tax,	536 55
“ State reimbursed,	218 50
“ Income of Mass. school fund,	235 35
“ From dog licenses,	148 00
“ Sale of burial lots,	50 00
“ Center hay scales,	6 00
“ West district hay scales,	3 85
“ O. F. Whipple, Collector of taxes,	8,610 62
“ reimbursed by Frank P. Trussell,	10 64
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	\$19,068 88

EXPENSES.

School warrants,	\$3,595.05
Library “	82 17
Paid State of Mass., overpayment on cor- poration tax,	07
State $\frac{1}{4}$ apothecary's license,	25
State tax,	645 00
County tax,	1,076 81
Discount on town note,	87 02
Town note,	5,000 00
State aid,	187 00
Town orders,	5,591 63
Officers fees District court,	2 61
Back returns,	30 00
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	\$1,6297 61

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

EXPENSE AND REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

School warrant, No. 1,	258 04
“ “ “ 2,	672 50
“ “ “ 3,	372 90
“ “ “ 4,	291 18
“ “ “ 5,	18 65
“ “ “ 6,	241 17
“ “ “ 7,	258 01
“ “ “ 8,	442 89
“ “ “ 9,	380 55
“ “ “ 10,	350 30
“ “ “ 11,	308 86
“ “ “ 12,	104 54
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	\$3,699 59

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

CLARENCE P. ROBERTS, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Paid Clarence P. Roberts,	\$436 40
John A. Robinson,	80
A. B. Richardson,	11 40
Charles O. Putnam,	37 60
William Tuttle,	107 30
William Cannon,	54 40
Otis F. Brown,	52 18
A. E. Whipple,	42 80
Alvin C. Tuttle,	40 46
Jarvis Lamson,	40 00
Joseph Pitnam,	12 00
George Brown,	37 70
Alvin Smith,	35 80
George R. Dodge,	40 80
Israel Norwood,	16 16
Charles S. Gwinn,	44 40
Joseph Jeddler,	83 30
Albert Dodge,	28 00
William H. Dodge,	11 84
William A. Smith,	4 32
James H. Woodman,	30 00
John H. Knowlton,	19 00
Nelson Butler,	12 00
John L. Woodbury,	14 00
Samuel C. Smith,	18 00
A. D. Wallace,	27 20
Charles Rogers,	6 80
Oscar F. Whipple,	20 40
Joseph Knowlton,	25 76
Henry Cary,	16 20
Fred Berry,	26 20
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$1,353 22</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,353 22	
Paid Enoch F. Knowlton,	8 80	
Isaac F. Knowlton,	31 80	
E. A. Whipple,	33 60	
George M. Adams,	37 30	
Sylvester Dane,	35 00	
Charles Perkins,	4 00	
J. F. Porter,	2 48	
George T. Haynes,	7 60	
George E. Wright,	16 20	
George H. Gibney,	56 00	
Charles E. Whipple,	18 00	
C. J. Norwood,	2 40	
Leary S. Dodge	1 00	
Isaac A. Lamson,	80	
George M. Adams,	3 00	
		\$1611 20

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Paid John R. Sargent, board of Alvin Jowder,	\$ 45 00	
Emerson A. Whipple, care of tramps,	35 00	
A. D. Wallace, rent and wood for Eaton Family,	56 25	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board of Everett W. Dodge,	80 00	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board of David H. Jowder,	212 51	
Jona Lamson, supplies for Eaton family,	8 00	
E. C. Tibbetts, funeral expenses of James Barrett,	21 00	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$457 76	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$457 76
Paid A. B. Richardson, care of tramps,	2 00
Horace E. Andrews, telephone account of James Barrett,	1 20
C. A. Hobbs, for board of James Barrett,	52 00
C. A. Hobbs, for board of Edward Trussell,	169 00
Mrs. Joseph N. Walker, care Mrs. Joseph W. Cole,	95 63
Charles E. Whipple, ice, Mrs. Joseph W. Cole,	1 30
George Lang & Son, groceries, Mrs. Joseph W. Cole,	1 09
E. C. Tibbetts, funeral expenses, Mrs. Joseph W. Cole,	14 00
S. E. Thayer, medical attendance, Mrs. Joseph W. Cole,	24 00
Frank E. Miller, supplies for Edw. Trussell,	6 40
City of Newburyport supplies for Walter Porter family,	44 00
City of Beverly, supplies for Sarah A. Ingalls family,	158 75
City of Haverhill, supplies for Joseph Bridges family,	6 35
S. E. Thayer, medical attendance to Jowder, Eaton and Trussell families,	21 00
Frank C. Norton, supplies for Eaton family,	69 02
Frank E. Miller, boots for Alvin Jowder,	2 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$1,126 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,126 00
Frank E. Miller, boots for Edward Trussell,	4 25
Mrs. Joseph N. Walker, tobacco for James Barrett,	1 50
Mrs. John Dane, part payment of board of Alvin Jowder,	14 91
Daniel D. Stone, supplies for Eaton family,	25 94
Daniel D. Stone, boots for Eaton boy,	1 50
Daniel D. Stone, boots and clothing, Edward Trussell,	22 00
Supplies for Sarah B. Dodge,	110 00
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	\$1,306 10

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Sylvester Dane,	\$2 40
Charles Rogers,	80
E. A. Wright,	7 40
Joseph Tucker,	2 00
F. G. Durkey,	2 60
James H. Woodman,	9 70
Clarence P. Roberts,	4 00
J. F. Hawkins,	90
Joseph Knowlton,	2 40
George B. Knowlton,	1 70
Henry Cary,	4 20
George M. Adams,	2 00
Charles E. Whipple,	10 80
Ephraim Patch,	1 60
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$52 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$52 50
George E. F. Dane,	60
Isaac F. Knowlton,	8 00
Charles H. Smith,	2 20

\$63 30

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Daniel E. Safford, Postage,	\$1 50
Edward C. Tibbetts, return of deaths,	6 00
Daniel C. Smith, journey to Boston, on Willow and Union St.,	3 00
William D. Chandler, care of se- lectmen's room,	3 00
Otis F. Brown, returning dog li- cense,	2 00
Otis F. Brown, returning rep. vote,	2 00
“ “ “ dog posters,	50
“ “ “ expressing,	1 75
Otis F. Brown, stationery and pos- tage,	1 75
Otis F. Brown, administering oaths	1 25
“ “ “ recording marriages	3 75
“ “ “ “ births,	12 50
“ “ “ “ deaths,	5 20
Daniel D. Stone, cash paid county commissioner hearing,	3 00
Daniel D. Stone, postage, express- ing and stationery,	12 00
Lewis H. Bradstreet, fighting fire,	3 00
Emerson P. Dodge, “ “	75
Charles E. Dodge, “ “	1 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$64 45

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$64 45
Charles A. Peterson, fighting fire,	4 00
Frank P. Trussell, labor on clock,	\$ 9 09
" " " " hearse	
house,	10 67
Frank P. Trussell, making guide	
boards,	19 67
Geo. A. Alyward, printing Town	
reports,	26 45
John A. Morehouse, watching fire,	4 00
Sylvester Dane, posting warrants,	2 00
Alden Chandler, watching fire,	2 00
Charles W. Appleton, labor and	
material,	3 70
Robert Clark Co., stationery,	8 00
Fairbanks Co., repairing hay scales,	7 34
John L. Woodbury, memorial ap-	
propriation,	20 00
Jarvis Lamson, labor and material	
on hay scales,	5 00
Newcomb & Gauss, printing school	
reports,	17 75
M. R. Warren, stationery,	8 70
L. E. Libby, supplies at Poor's fire,	6 83
L. R. Barker, team for C. A.	
Peterson,	2 00
George T. Litchfield, care of block,	20 00
F. C. Shaller, printing tax bills,	3 00
Mercury Pub. Co., printing notices,	1 00
George K. Knowlton, Centennial	
memorial,	20 00
George K. Knowlton, travelling	
expenses,	3 25
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$268 90</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$268 90
Paid George K. Knowlton, postage, ex- pressing,	1 95
George K. Knowlton, services as committee distributing me- morials,	5 00
Otis F. Brown, services distribu- ting memorials,	5 00
William A. Brown, services dis- tributing memorials,	5 00
W. A. Brown, collecting statistics,	5 00
Barry & Lufkin, printing 500 memorials,	86 00
Barry & Lufkin, 2 electrotypes,	12 50
Congregational parish for rent Selectmens room,	50 00
Charles A. Hill, services election officer,	2 50
Sylvester Dane, " "	2 50
Sylvester Dane, collecting dog taxes,	15 00
George E. Porter, services election officer,	2 50
Charles W. Appleton, services election officer,	2 50
George E. Safford, services elec- tion officer,	2 50
Batchelder & Gould, pails at Poor's fire.	1 65
John L. Frost, team for C. A. Peterson,	2 00
L. E. Libby, sundries,	6 80
E. C. Tibbetts, care of cemetery,	26 30
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$503 60</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$503 60	
Elmer E. Clark, horse and carriage,	1 50	
Charles A. Hills, watching fire,	2 00	
William A. Brown, journey to Boston, committee on Pleasant pond,	3 00	
William A. Brown, copying plans of streets,	1 50	
William A. Brown, making new plan,	1 50	
William A. Brown, hearing before county commissioners,	1 50	
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		\$514 60

SALARIES AND FEES.

Paid George E. F. Dane, services as cattle inspector for 1894,	\$32 50
George E. F. Dane, services as cattle inspector for 1895,	22 00
Charles A. Peterson, services as constable,	3 25
George E. Roberts, services as constable,	7 50
Daniel E. Safford, services as treasurer,	50 00
George K. Knowlton, services as chairman of school committee,	50 00
Arthur W. Chandler, services as school committee,	35 00
Albert L. Whipple, services as school committee,	35 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$235 25

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$235 25
Paid Daniel C. Smith, services as fire warden,	3 25
Otis F. Brown, services town clerk,	25 00
Otis F. Brown, services, registrar,	8 00
George M. Adams, services as constable,	7 00
Charles E. Whipple, services as constable,	18 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as selectman,	50 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as assessor,	50 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as overseer of poor,	15 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as registrar of voters,	8 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as board of health,	5 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as committee on roads,	5 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services for perambulating town lines,	7 50
Isaac F. Knowlton, two journeys to Salem,	4 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, one journey to Boston,	3 00
Daniel D. Stone, services as selectman,	50 00
Daniel D. Stone, services as assessor,	50 00
Daniel D. Stone, services as overseer of poor,	15 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$559 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$559 00
Paid Daniel D. Stone, services as registrar of voters,	8 00
Daniel D. Stone, services as board of health,	5 00
Daniel D. Stone, services as committee on roads,	5 00
Daniel D. Stone, services for perambulating town lines,	7 50
Daniel D. Stone, two journeys to Salem,	4 00
Daniel D. Stone, one journey to Boston,	3 00
Daniel D. Stone, writing and making returns of fires,	5 00
Jonathan Lamson, services as selectman,	50 00
Jonathan Lamson, services as assessor,	50 00
Jonathan Lamson, services as overseer of poor,	15 00
Jonathan Lamson, services as registrar of voters,	8 00
Jonathan Lamson, services as board of health,	5 00
Jonathan Lamson, perambulating town lines,	5 00
Jonathan Lamson, committee on roads,	5 00
Jonathan Lamson, one journey to Salem,	2 00
Jonathan Lamson, one journey to Boston,	3 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$739 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$739 50	
Paid Oscar F. Whipple, services as tax collector,	129 15	
Lewis H. Bradstreet, services as constable,	8 00	
Andrew Haraden, services as auditor,	5 00	
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		\$881 65

EXTRA APPROPRIATION.

BACK SIDE ROAD.

Paid William H. Dodge, labor,	205 58	
H. A. Appleton, surveying,	5 00	
Jarvis Lamson, labor,	3 20	
C. A. Hobbs, “	175 92	
George M. Adams, “	198 25	
William C. Rogers, “	41 25	
Putnam & Pope, lumber for railing,	26 08	
A. B. Chadwick,	31 50	
Jonathan Lamson, posts and rails,	25 00	
W. F. Redlon, drain pipe,	24 08	
E. D. Lovett, labor,	14 31	
Isaac A. Lamson, labor, lumber and posts,	16 50	
Barten & Williams, stone posts,	5 00	
Leary S. Dodge, labor,	2 00	
Charles S. Gwinn, labor and gravel on road near Center school house,	30 00	
A. B. Richardson, labor and material on sidewalk in Asbury street,	30 80	
R. G. Sauer, labor on sidewalk, Asbury street,	9 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$843 47	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$843 47
John H. Pitman, labor on sidewalk in Asbury street,	9 00
C. O. Putnam, labor on sidewalk in Asbury street.	3 50
George R. Dodge, labor on side- walk, Asbury street,	36 75
Daniel C. Smith, labor on side- walk, Asbury street.	44 30

\$937 02

ABATEMENTS.

Allowed Oscar F. Whipple, Collector,	
Arthur E. Choate, on poll,	\$2 90
John Crosby, on poll,	2 00
Harry Davis, on poll,	2 00
Edmond E. Foster, on poll,	2 00
Charles W. Greenlaw, on poll,	2 00
David Hinkley, on poll,	2 00
Lewis Low, on poll,	2 00
Daniel A. Nason, on poll,	2 00
Harry Rust, on poll,	2 00
George F. Blake, on poll,	2 00
Thomas Robinson, on poll,	2 00
Roland Smith, on poll,	2 00
James C. Daniels, on poll and per- sonal,	3 40
Jesse Putnam, on poll and personal,	2 35
Thomas Appleton, on real,	1 40
Charles Creasy, real,	70
Asbury Grove, real,	15 01
Est. John Dane, personal,	52
M. E. Gray, real,	2 00
Mary E. Goodwin, real,	80

\$50 18

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid A. B. Chadwick, labor and material,	\$12 67	
Charles Rogers, labor,	6 00	
James Hart, labor,	1 50	
E. D. Lovett, labor,	1 00	
Putnam & Pope, lumber,	9 62	
Albert D. Potter, posts and bolts,	1 50	
Whitcomb & Carter, Material,	9 55	
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		\$41 84

TRIMMING TREES.

Paid Joseph Knowlton,	\$7 20	
George B. Dodge,	4 00	
Charles Rogers,	5 40	
Clarence P. Roberts,	24 60	
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		\$41 20

SOLDIERS' AID.

Paid F. C. Norton, Supplies for Richard Bridges,	<hr/>	\$40 00
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RECAPITULATION.

Paid School Warrants,	3,595 05	
Library Warrant,	82 17	
State of Massachusetts,	07	
State 1-4 Apothecary's license,	25	
State Tax,	645 00	
Discount on State Tax,	30 00	
County Tax,	1,076 81	
Discount on Town Note,	87 02	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$5,516 37	

<i>Amount brought forward.</i>	\$5,516 37	
Town Note.	5000 00	
State Aid.	187 00	
Officers' fees—District Court.	2 61	
Expense and repairs of school.	104 54	
Highway department.	1,611 20	
Poor department.	1,306 10	
Removing snow.	63 30	
Miscellaneous.	514 60	
Salaries and fees.	881 65	
Extra appropriations.	937 02	
Roads and bridges.	41 84	
Trimming trees.	41 20	
Soldiers' Aid.	40 00	
Abatements.	50 18	
		\$16,297 61
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Orders drawn and paid during year.		\$5,591 63
Treasurer's receipts.	\$19,068 88	
Treasurer's expenses	16,297 61	
		\$2,771 27
Balance in favor of town.		3,012 83
Balance in favor of town, 1895.		241 56
Decrease in 1896.		

The foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer have this day been examined by me and all accounts found correct and vouched for.

ANDREW HARADEN, *Auditor.*

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON.	} <i>Selectmen</i>
DANIEL D. STONE,	
JONATHAN LAMSON,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Hamilton.</i>

Hamilton, Feb. 24, 1896.

Town Clerk's Report.

Received and paid to County Treasurer	
for dog licenses,	\$177 60
Recorded 25 births.	
" 17 marriages.	
" 26 deaths.	
Received and paid town treasurer for	
sale of burial lots,	50 00

OTIS F. BROWN, *Town Clerk.*

Hamilton, Feb. 24, 1896.

List of Jurors,

AS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN, FEB. 24, 1896.

Fred Berry	George E. Roberts
Caleb W. Dodge	Austin A. Whipple
Alvin Smith	George H. Gibney
Fred A. Nason	Charles E. Whipple
Albert W. Dodge	Frank E. Miller
C. Jerome Norwood	Isaac F. Knowlton

Wm. A. Brown.

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON,	}	<i>Selectmen of Hamilton.</i>
DANIEL D. STONE,		
JONATHAN LAMSON.		

Report of Centennial Memorial Committee.

Amount appropriated by the town for Memorial,		\$175 00
Geo. K. Knowlton, compiling memorial,	20 00	
Geo. K. Knowlton, travelling expenses,	3 25	
“ “ “ express and postage,	1 95	
“ “ “ services as committee, and distributing memorials,	5 00	
Otis F. Brown; services as committee and distributing memorials,	5 00	
W. A. Brown, services as committee and distributing memorials,	5 00	
W. A. Brown, collecting statistics,	5 00	
Barry & Lufkin, printing 500 copies memorials,	86 00	
Barry & Lufkin, 2 cuts,	12 50	
The Robert Clark Co., 500 copies steel cut M. Cutler,	8 00	
		<hr/> \$151 70
Balance unexpended,		\$23 30
Number of copies distributed,	310	
“ placed in town library for sale,	190	
Price per copy 30 cents,		

GEO. K. KNOWLTON,	}	<i>Centennial</i>
WILLIAM A. BROWN,		<i>Memorial</i>
OTIS F. BROWN,		<i>Committee.</i>

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

*Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of
Hamilton.* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Vestry in said Town on Tuesday the tenth day of March 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles :—

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

Art. 4. Shall licenses be granted in the Town of Hamilton for the sale of intoxicating liquors the year ensuing.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Fifty-Dollars (\$50.) for the proper observance of Decoration Day by the soldiers of the late Rebellion.

Art. 6. To see what action the Town will take for providing accommodations for the scholars attending the South School and make necessary appropriation therefor, as petitioned for by George H. Gibney and others.

Art. 7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to placing the names of the streets in suitable places for the convenience of the public and appropriate money for the same as petitioned for by Otis F. Brown and others.

Art. 8. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the grading and graveling the following streets viz:—Arlington street running from Maple street to Park street so called, and Park street running from Asbury street to house of Tinkham as laid out by the selectmen, and appropriate money for the same as petitioned for by John Holmes and others.

Art. 9. To see what action the Town will take in regard to furnishing fire protection in the thickly settled portions of the town, and to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed One Thousand Dollars to provide for the same. as petitioned for by F. E. Miller and others.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money under the direction of the Selectmen in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 11. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the year ensuing.

Art. 12. To appropriate money for the repairs of highways, townways and bridges and determine the manner of expending the same.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed a Collector may use agreeable to Chapter 18, Sec. 73 of the Public Statutes.

Art. 14. To see what time Tax bills shall be issued and taxes become due.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as proposed and posed by the Selectmen.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the meeting house, and one at some other public place in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty-fourth day of February, 1896, A. D.

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
DANIEL D. STONE,	
JONATHAN LAMSON,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Hamilton.</i>

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMILTON.

1895=6.

SALEM, MASS.
PRESS OF BARRY & LUFKIN.
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Geo. K. Knowlton, Chairman,	.	.	term expires 1898
Albert L. Whipple, Secretary,	.	.	" " 1896
Arthur W. Chandler,	.	.	" " 1896

Purchasing Agent, A. L. Whipple.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Louis H. Bradstreet,	Charles E. Whipple.
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To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

In compliance with the laws of the state, your committee present the following report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(Closed Feb. 28, 1896.)

Amount appropriated by the town for		
schools,	\$2,500	00
Dog licenses,	148	00
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		\$2,648 00
 Paid for teachers,	 2,062	 10
" " Care houses,	100	68
" " Fuel,	139	98
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		\$2,302 76
 Amount unexpended,		 \$345 24

Amount of Mass. school fund,	\$235 35	
Balance from 1894-5 " "	<u>180 07</u>	
		\$415 42
Paid teachers from Mass. school fund.		<u>256 00</u>
Amount unexpended and carried over to 1896-7,		\$159 42
Amount of appropriation for High school scholars,		\$540 00
Amount paid for tuition of High school scholars,		<u>485 88</u>
Amount unexpended,		\$54 12

TEACHERS.

Miss Lucy A. Gray,	\$ 36 00	
Miss Nellie A. Kinsman,	166 00	
Mr. Everett A. Smith,	153 00	
Miss Grace A. Knowlton,	247 10	
Miss S. Nellie Henderson,	153 00	
Miss Cora P. Harwood,	54 00	
Miss Jessie M. Doty,	360 00	
Miss Grace M. Chadbourne,	324 00	
Miss Adelaide A. Keith,	253 00	
Miss Edith M. Arnold,	207 00	
Miss Carrie G. Hill,	153 00	
Miss Hattie S. Tarr,	104 00	
Miss Maidee P. Polleys,	<u>108 00</u>	
		\$2,318 10

FUEL.

W. F. Redlon, coal, South school,	\$27 88	
J. C. Sauer, coal, South school,	8 00	
J. P. Lovering, wood, South school.	16 10	
Alvin Smith, wood, Center school.	<u>22 00</u>	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$73 98	\$2,318 10

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$73 98	\$2,318 10
Wm. A. Brown, wood, North school,	22 00	
Jona. Lamson, wood, West school,	22 00	
I. F. Knowlton, wood, East school,	22 00	
		<u>\$139 98</u>

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

B. W. Adams, South school,	\$27 88	
T. B. Riddle, " "	27 50	
F. E. Jones, " "	4 00	
Emerson Dodge, " "	50	
Arthur Ramsdell, " "	65	
Jona. Lamson, West school,	4 50	
H. S. Gwinn, " "	3 00	
L. Dodge, East school,	3 00	
E. A. Day, " "	4 50	
Roy W. Whipple, Center school,	5 75	
Frank Woodbury, " "	4 50	
Winnie Wright, North school,	6 90	
A. A. Dunnels, " "	3 00	
Eddie McGregor, " "	5 00	
		<u>\$100 68</u>
Full amount,		\$2,558 76

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Paid city of Boston, tuition, Marion S.	
Brown, Sept. 1, 1894 to July 1,	
1895,	\$80 88

CITY OF SALEM.

Bertha M. Dodge, Sept. '94 to June	
30, 1895,	\$50 00
Ethel L. Dane, Sept. '94 to June 30,	
'95,	50 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$100 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$100 00	
M. B. Hobbs, Sept. '94 to June 30, '95.	50 00	
Martha Robinson, Sept. '94 to June 30, '95.	50 00	
Roy W. Whipple, one term to Feb. '95,	25 00	
		<u>\$225 00</u>

CITY OF BEVERLY.

Cordelia E. Wallace, Sept. 1, '94 to July 1, '95,	\$30 00	
Florence E. Dodge, Sept. 1, '94 to July 1, '95,	30 00	
Mollie Smith, Sept. 1, '94, to July 1, '95,	30 00	
Florence M. Blake, Sept. 1, '94 to July 1, '95.	30 00	
Bessie Brown, Sept. 1, '94 to July 1, '95,	30 00	
Fred Haskell, to Feb. '95,	15 00	
Grace R. Ayers, to Feb. '95,	15 00	
		<u>\$180 00</u>
		\$485 88

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Boston School Supply Co.,	\$244 05	
J. L. Hammett,	29 84	
The American Book Co.,	7 20	
Ginn & Co.,	3 33	
George F. King & Merrill,	26 63	
Greenough, Adams & Cushing,	5 75	
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn,	6 35	
Thorp & Martin,	2 89	
		<u>\$326 04</u>

TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN, 1894-5.

Elmer E. Clark,	\$56 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

BILLS OF 1894-5.

Hardy Brothers, 1 door and express,	\$6 35
Lester E. Libby, school furnishings,	1 69
Edward P. Perley, binding dictionary,	1 75
Ephraim Patch, cleaning funnel, North school,	1 50
Eddie W. McGregor, cleaning funnel, North school,	2 00
J. P. Lovering, express,	15
H. M. Bixby, curtains, North school,	5 55

\$18 99

BILLS OF 1895-6.

Irving W. Wheeler, 2 flags,	\$5 50
Irving W. Wheeler, repairing flags,	2 30
Everett A. Smith, repairs, West school,	97
G. C. Ryerson, glass and setting,	11 25
G. C. Ryerson, painting black boards, South school,	5 00
J. F. Porter, repairs, North school,	75
Gideon Marshman, keys for school houses,	3 00
George H. Gibney, setting flag pole, South school,	3 50
George R. Dodge, grading yard and other labor, South school,	2 25
Sylvester Day, transportation teacher, North school,	4 50
William Tuttle, cleaning North school house,	3 20
B. & M. railroad, freight on desks,	92
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$43 14</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$235 25
J. Augustus Smith, cleaning 2 clocks, South school,	1 20
Fred A. Nason, putting in desks and repairs, South school,	26 83
Lester E. Libby, oil and lamp. South school,	1 75
Lucy Channel, cleaning Center school,	3 00
Crosby & Carr, mason work and stock, Center school,	8 45
Batchelder & Gould, school furnishings,	2 28
Lunt, Rogers & Chase, oil stove and chairs, South school,	17 00
Ivory Quimby, water supply, South school,	30 00
Arthur E. Whipple, sanitary and other labor,	8 00
A. A. Dunnels, sanitary and other la- bor, North school,	5 75
Elmer E. Clark, carriage and express,	3 10
Henry Hale & Co., hardware,	82
James Hart, cleaning West school house,	2 50
F. C. Norton, school furnishings,	6 00
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, mat. South school,	50
E. C. Tibbetts, moving school books,	2 75
Frank Trussel, repairs,	1 60
D. C. Smith, removing ashes, South school,	1 50
B. W. Adams, sanitary labor. South school,	75
American Express Co., books,	4 15
Proctor's express, books,	90
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$364 08

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$364 08	
Alden J. Chandler, repairs,	1 50	
Ira A. Dunnels, express,	2 00	
E. A. Wright, transportation teacher,		
North school,	3 25	
Lewis H. Bradstreet, truant officer,	4 00	
Arthur W. Chandler, cash paid clean-		
ing South school house,	2 00	
Arthur W. Chandler, expense on acct.		
of teacher,	2 50	
Albert L. Whipple, expense on account		
of teacher,	5 00	
Albert L. Whipple, purchasing agent,	10 00	
George K. Knowlton, expense on ac-		
count of teachers,	11 00	
George K. Knowlton, expense on ac-		
count of school furniture,	4 00	
George K. Knowlton, expense on ac-		
count of high school scholars,	2 00	
George K. Knowlton, repairs,	4 05	
George K. Knowlton, express and pos-		
tage,	1 25	
George K. Knowlton, school census,	5 00	
		\$248 51

INSURANCE.

Amount insured, South school house,	\$2,000 00	
Centre school house,	900 00	
West school house,	800 00	
North school house,	700 00	
East school house,	700 00	
Full amount of insurance,		\$5,100 00
Premium,		112 20
Dividend,		47 30
Paid for insurance to May 12, 1898,		64 90

SUMMARY.

GROSS RECEIPTS FOR ALL SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation for schools,	\$2,500 00	
Appropriation tuition high school scholars,	540 00	
Dog licenses,	148 00	
Massachusetts school fund,	235 35	
Balance Mass. school fund, 1894,	180 07	
From general appropriation,	136 67	
		\$3,740 09

GROSS EXPENDITURES FOR ALL SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Paid teachers,	\$2,318 10	
Care of school houses,	100 68	
Fuel,	139 98	
Tuition high school scholars,	485 88	
School supplies,	326 04	
Transportation of scholars,	56 00	
Miscellaneous,	248 51	
Insurance	64 90	
		\$3,740 09

SCHOLARS ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL.

BEVERLY.

Mollie Smith,	entered September, 1894.
Florence M. Blake,	" " "
Catherine T. Robinson,	" " 1895.
Albert L. Smith,	" " "
Edith M. Gibson,	" February, 1896.

IPSWICH.

Mabelle C. Barker, entered September, 1895.

SALEM.

Scholars continuing their studies, having entered by permission of the school committee of 1894-5.

Bertha M. Dodge,	Ethel L. Dane,
Martha Robinson,	Mary B. Hobbs,
Roy W. Whipple.	

ESTIMATE FOR SCHOOLS.

The committee present the following estimate of the amount of money needed from the town to carry on the present number of schools for the year 1896-7.

Amount for payment of teachers, care	
of houses, and fuel,	\$2,500 00
Text books and school supplies,	400 00
Small repairs and miscellaneous,	175 00
Incidentals for school rooms,	25 00
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	\$3,100 00

FOR HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Beverly,	135 00
Ipswich,	25 00
Salem,	250 00
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	410 00
Amount for all school purposes,	<hr/>
	\$3,510 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

From April 1, 1895, to February 28, 1896, 36 weeks.

School attendance, to February 21, 1896, 35 weeks.

SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Grace M. Chadbourne.

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Wages of teacher per month.	\$36 00	\$36 00	\$36 00
Length of term in months.	3 1-4	2 3-4	3
Whole number of pupils.	45	46	48
Average membership.	38	44	44
Average attendance.	35	41	38
No. of pupils between 8 and 14 years of age.	17	18	21
No. of pupils under 8 years of age.	28	28	27

SOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teachers, Miss Nellie A. Kinsman, spring term.

“ “ Adelaide A. Keith, fall and winter.

“ “ Hattie S. Tarr, assistant, winter.

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Wages of teacher per month.	\$40 00	\$44 00	\$44 00
Wages of assistant per month.			32 00
Length of term in months.	3 1-4	2 3-4	3
Whole number of pupils.	37	43	41
Average membership.	35	40	38
Average attendance.	31	37	34
No. of pupils over 15 yrs. of age.	2	4	5
No. between 8 and 14, “ “ “	35	39	36

EAST SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss S. Nellie Henderson, spring term.

" " Edith M. Arnold, fall and winter.

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Wages of teacher per month,	\$36 00	\$36 00	\$36 00
Length of term in months,	3 1-4	2 3-4	3
Whole number of pupils,	34	32	33
Average membership,	31	31	25
Average attendance,	29	27	18
No. of pupils over 15 yrs. of age,	0	0	2
No. between 8 and 14 " " "	26	24	23
No. under 8 yrs. of age,	8	8	8

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Teachers, Miss Grace A. Knowlton, spring and fall terms.

" " Maidee P. Polleys, winter term.

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Wages of teachers per month,	\$36 00	\$36 00	\$36 00
Length of term in months,	3 1-4	2 3-4	3
Whole number of pupils,	18	18	22
Average membership,	18	18	20
Average attendance,	16	15	15
No. of pupils over 15 yrs. of age,	0	0	1
No. between 8 and 14 " " "	8	9	11
No. under 8 yrs. of age,	8	5	5

NORTH SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Jessie M. Doty,

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Wages of teachers per month,	\$36 00	\$36 00	\$36 00
Length of term in months,	3 1-4	2 3-4	3
Whole number of pupils,	18	20	23
Average membership,	15	19	19

NORTH SCHOOL — CONTINUED.

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Average attendance,	14	17	17
No. of pupils over 15 yrs. of age,	0	0	2
No. between 8 and 14 “ “	11	14	14
No. under 8 yrs. of age,	7	6	7

WEST SCHOOL.

Teachers, Everett A. Smith, spring term.

“ Miss Cora P. Harwood, fall term.

“ “ Carrie G. Hill, fall and winter.

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Wages of teachers per month,	\$36 00	\$36 00	\$36 00
Length of term in months,	3 1-4	2 3-4	3
Whole number of pupils,	28	35	30
Average membership,	22	31	28
Average attendance,	23	26	20
No. of pupils over 15 yrs. of age,	0	1	2
No. between 8 and 14 “ “	17	22	20
No. under 8 yrs. of age,	11	12	8

Population of the town May 1, 1895,	1356
Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15,	194

Your committee entered their official work under peculiar circumstances. At the annual town meeting held in March, 1895, two new members were elected on the board of school committee, one to take the place of a member whose term of office expired and the other to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of one who had removed from town. Soon after the meeting was held the remaining member of the old board resigned. This vacancy was filled, as provided

for by law, in the election of Mr. Arthur W. Chandler. No member of the previous year being on the new board, it was obliged to take up the work at some disadvantage. It was found that some material changes had been made in the management of the schools and those that were thought to be of value were retained.

Miss Lucy A. Gray, teacher of the South primary school, resigned her position, and Miss Grace M. Chadbourne, who had obtained valuable experience in the Quincy schools, was engaged to fill the situation. Miss Nellie A. Kinsman had charge of the South grammar school, with Miss Grace A. Knowlton, assistant, during the winter term. Miss Knowlton wished to take another school, and Miss Kinsman desired to try the spring term without an assistant, although told that she could have one if she wished. She said it was difficult to use an assistant to advantage without a recitation room. Mr. Everett A. Smith was retained in the West school; Miss Jessie M. Doty in the North school, and Miss S. Nellie Henderson in the East school. The Centre school, which had been closed during a large part of the winter term and the children transported to the North school, was again opened and placed in charge of Miss Grace A. Knowlton. Under these arrangements the schools were opened April 1, 1895 for the closing term of the school year, and which the committee decided should be thirteen weeks as planned by the previous committee, the term to close the last week in June.

During this term several teachers' meetings were held in order that the committee might come into direct official relations with all the teachers, receiving their reports of work in the several schools, and giving them instruction and encouragement as might be needed. The teachers of the several schools were instructed that they need not spend two or three weeks of valuable time in getting up special exercises for examination day, but that they might simply show the

committee, and others who might be present, some of their regular work.

The schools closed in the following order:

North school, Wednesday A. M., June 26. Whole number of scholars present, 17; visitors present, 10. Classes deserving special mention for good recitations, fourth grade in language, seventh grade in geography, seventh grade in arithmetic, and the seventh grade in reading.

East school, Wednesday P. M. Scholars present, 28; visitors, 6. Deserving special mention, fourth grade in language, fifth and sixth grades in arithmetic. Perfect in attendance for the school year, Gertrude K. Weston, Sadie A. Dodge, Helen Dodge, Harold F. Morgan.

South Primary school, Thursday A. M., scholars present 33; visitors 14. Recitations in physiology and geography were exceptionally good.

South grammar school, Thursday P. M., scholars present 31; visitors 16. The recitations were very commendable, and other exercises given were appreciated by all who were present. Perfect in attendance for the year. Ethel M. Roberts. Roll of honor for the term. Ethel M. Roberts, Ethel F. Blake, Nellie M. French, Sumner Redlon.

Center School, Friday A. M. Scholars present 13, visitors 1. The classes were small but gave very good recitations.

West School, Friday P. M. Scholars present, 21; visitors, 4. Deserving special mention, fifth grade in reading, ninth grade arithmetic, seventh grade geography, ninth grade physiology, seventh and eighth grades history, perfect in attendance for the school year, Ethel S. Adams, Rodney H. Adams, Jonathan Lamson, Albert F. Hart.

Your committee gave the High School matter a careful consideration, and, in order to have a system to work by, it was decided to select some one high school, which should be approved by the State Board of Education, and that all pupils from this town who wished to enter a high school,

under the provisions of the law of 1894, should attend that school. Provision, however, was made that in case any parent, or guardian, desired a scholar to attend some other than the school selected by the committee, they should make application in writing, stating their reasons therefor, and that such request should be considered by the committee in executive session. If the reasons were deemed to be good and sufficient, permission should be given on condition that the amount of tuition, to be paid by the town, should not exceed the amount charged for our own selected school.

Satisfactory arrangement was made with the city of Beverly to take all our scholars who should pass the examination required of their own pupils for entrance to the High School, the sum of thirty dollars to be paid for the tuition of each pupil for the school year. During the summer vacation a number of our scholars took examinations for admission to this school, only two which were admitted. This being somewhat of a surprise to the parents, and others, the committee were besieged with requests and petitions, suggesting, and calling for various plans for the management of the schools. A result of the agitation was the calling of a special town meeting, the principal object of which was to see if the town would raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to establish an additional school. This was decided in the negative.

The board of committee had been in office only during the closing term of the school year, and could not be expected to see that the higher grades were fitted for the high school in that short time. But they gave much consideration to the matter and decided that the standard of teaching in our schools must be raised. To do this, meant a careful selection of teachers of experience, and thorough qualifications for the school room, and this meant higher wages. As the place to test a teacher thoroughly is in the school room, it was decided to use, and possibly for the first time in the history

of the town, the teacher's certificate of qualifications as required by law, and put every new teacher on a probationary period of one term for trial. As the committee of the previous year had fallen into line with the desire of the State Board of Education to have all the public schools begin the school year in September, your committee arranged all their work on this plan.

Miss Kinsman had worked faithfully for more than a year in the South Grammar School. But finding the work too hard and perplexing she resigned her position at the close of the school year. After a careful examination of the qualifications of many teachers, Miss Adelaide A. Keith, a teacher of great experience, and a strict disciplinarian, was selected for that school.

Miss Chadbourne, who had been very successful in the South primary school, was engaged to continue her work there.

Mr. Everett A. Smith, who had taught several years in the West school, resigned his position at the close of the school year, and Miss Cora P. Harwood was elected to fill the place for one term trial, unfortunately she lost control of the school, and was not able to continue through the term, and Miss Carrie G. Hill was engaged to finish the term, which she did with good success.

Miss Doty was engaged to return to the North school where she had done excellent work.

Miss Henderson, whose work in the East school was very satisfactory; did not return as she decided to attend a school at Wilbraham.

Miss Knowlton continued her faithful work in the Center school.

Thus the schools opened and continued through the fall term.

No change of teachers was made for the winter term, except in the Center school, where Miss Maidee P. Polleys

was engaged for one trial term to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Grace A. Knowlton at the close of the fall term.

The most perplexing problem the committee has had to deal with has been the proper management of the two South schools. Early in the fall it became apparent that more desks would very soon be needed in the primary, and possibly in the grammar departments. Fourteen new desks were purchased for these two rooms, making provision for forty-nine scholars in each room. This number is considered by the Board of Education as being too large for a single teacher, and was provided only as a matter of necessity.

After a careful consideration of existing conditions at the close of the fall term it was decided to put an assistant into the grammar school, and fit up and use the entry on the north side of the house for a temporary recitation room, and Miss Hattie S. Tarr was engaged as assistant teacher for the winter term.

The two schools are now doing as good work as can reasonably be expected under adverse circumstances.

There is constant addition to these schools and the only right solution of the matter is for room to be provided for an intermediate grade school.

Therefore, the committee recommend that some action be taken at the next annual town meeting favorable to additional school room.

While your committee makes no claim to perfection in the management of the schools the past year, it has tried in every ease to do what was thought to be for the best interest of the schools.

There is constant advancement all along the line of the public schools, a united press has awakened the people to the important fact of their being at the very foundation of our government, and the national flag floating over

them tells its own story. With the abundant educational facilities at the present time, and constantly increasing, no child with ordinary mental power has any right to grow up without obtaining at least a fair common school education, and no parent or guardian has any right to in any way deprive any child of such education.

A large amount of money is expended each year for the education of children, and to obtain the best possible results from it is the work of those who have the supervision of the schools. The schools of the smaller towns do not as a rule, have the time and attention given to them that their importance demands. The Board of Education recognizing this are already looking to the passage of a law compelling a superintendency of the public schools throughout the State.

When our schools close in June we shall be able to learn what advancement has been made during the school year.

The school houses are in good condition and will require no large expenditure of money, except the Centre house which needs new seats, and possibly a new floor. If the town shall decide to do this an appropriation of at least two hundred dollars will be needed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,	}	<i>School</i>
ALBERT L. WHIPPLE,		
ARTHUR W. CHANDLER,		
		<i>Committee.</i>

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

To the School Committee of Hamilton :

Gentlemen:—I have attended to the duty of truant officer in the case of one boy who was on the streets, and around the school grounds several times during school hours. Also, in the case of several boys who were at the golf grounds in this town during school hours. Made four calls on parents about children being absent from school.

LEWIS H. BRADSTREET, Truant Officer.

Hamilton, Feb. 28, 1896.

To the School Committee of Hamilton :

Gentlemen:—I have attended to the duty of truant officer in the case of one boy being absent from school.

CHARLES E. WHIPPLE, Truant Officer.

Hamilton, Feb. 28, 1896.

**Calendar for the school year 1895-6, as arranged by the
present School Committee.**

Fall term, (11 weeks), Opens September 9, 1895. Closes
November 22, 1895.

Winter term, (15 weeks), Opens December 2, 1895. Closes
March 20, 1896.

Spring term, (10 weeks), Opens April 6, 1895. Closes June
12, 1896.

HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton.

The Trustees of the Public Library respectfully report: The number of books in the library has increased very rapidly and the question of accommodations will come to the front in a short time. Already a large number of books which are little read have been taken from their places on the shelves to make room for new books. The Trustees would therefore advise that the Town should provide suitable quarters for the library. A table giving the usual information in regard to the library is appended to this report.

FRANK V. WRIGHT,
ARTHUR L. DEVENS,
AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER, } *Trustees.*

Books in Library March 1895,	1731
Books added since,	233
Books in Library March 1896,	1964
Books issued during the year,	3163
Fiction,	2871
History,	218
Cards issued since March 1895,	72
Cards issued since Library opened,	522
Amount collected from fines,	\$5.32
Amount paid express and small expenses,	\$4.55

